

A BUDDHIST CEREMONY

Anniversary of the Birth of a Saint.

The seven hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary of the birth of Saint Shinran, founder of the Buddhist sect "Shin Shu," was yesterday celebrated by the Japanese followers of the sect at the little Buddhist chapel on Fort Lane.

The entrance to the lane was decorated with Buddhist banners, and the archway made into a bower of greens and flowers; the gateway of the school building and chapel presented a festive appearance, the many colored flags of the seekers after Nirvana, fluttering over it, and the blue and white banners with the coat of arms of Saint Shinran were festooned about the building.

In the afternoon services were held, and in the evening the strings of Japanese lanterns which had been hung from the chapel across the lawn, were lighted, and the occasion became one of rejoicing.

From a booth of bunting and greens, lemonade, tea and cakes were dispensed, and the little ones of the Oriental race were made happy with a surfeit of sweets. The gayest and richest kimonos from the wardrobes of the little brown women were worn, and the Japanese juveniles were quaintly and prettily clad for the occasion of rejoicing.

The afternoon services began at 2:30 o'clock, the chapel being filled to overflowing with the followers of Buddha and their friends and invited guests.

Queen Liliuokalani and a party of other friends, having received the invitation of Mr. Imamura, the high priest of bonze of the islands, was in attendance, and sat at the left of the altar. Dr. Marques, president of the Theosophical Society, and Mrs. Marques were also invited guests.

The altar was decorated with the emblems of the sect and offerings of flowers and fruit had been placed in the brass vases and carved sandalwood receptacles. Incense was kept burning, and lighted candles and elaborate brass lanterns softly illuminated the temple.

The program of worship consisted of chants and prayers in the Japanese language and an address in English by Mr. Imamura. Miss Barber, teacher of the Japanese night school, also made a short address in praise of the principles of the Buddhist religion, likening Buddhism to a great structure, whose foundation was of stone and rested on the earth, but whose summit was lost in the clouds of Nirvana.

The little girls of the Japanese Sunday school sang a sacred harmony to the accompaniment of the organ, and at the close of the services made offerings of silver to Buddha, placing the pieces of money upon the altar platform with quaint oriental obeisances.

Their offerings were followed by those of the congregation, many of the contributors kneeling in prayer as they placed their silver pieces upon the altar.

After worship tea and cake were served on the lawn and lawns; the Queen and her party, Dr. and Mrs. Marques and a number of American visitors were invited to partake of these refreshments with the priests in the reception room of the chapel.

The little ones made merry all the afternoon about the grounds, and in the evening the festivities for their elders began.

While tea drinking and refreshments under the Japanese lanterns on the lawn kept those outside merrily busy, within the chapel there were Japanese theatricals to amuse the Orientals and to excite the wonder and appreciation of the picturesque on the part of the American visitors.

turning to Kyoto he preached there for many years, and died in that city on January 16, 1392, at the age of ninety years.

A thirty-one years of age he married the daughter of Prince K. Kyo. This was one of the extraordinary events, not only in his life, but in the history of Buddhism, marriage having been forbidden to the priesthood heretofore.

According to the general rule, the priests of other sects cut their hair short, wear religious vestments, and shun the general appearance of bonzes, but in our sect, since the doctrine is so easy of attainment, and austere observance of the other sects are not considered essential, they are allowed to marry and to eat flesh and fish, non-vegetarianism which was established by the founder of our sect, and is peculiar to it alone.

Therefore, the system of our sect is far different from that of those austere ascetics who desire to free themselves the future world only, put the present world in oblivion, and look upon the rise and fall of the country with indifference. Ours is truly a national religion, that desires at the same time, prosperity in this life and happiness in the next. It encourages the national spirit, adopts itself well to the manners and customs of the place at which it prevails, and maintains the peace of the country. This at once revealed the traits of the Japanese mind in by-gone ages, and helped to form the characters of the rising generation.

In short, the doctrines of our sect consist of the two systems; spiritual truth and moral truth. The principle of spiritual truth is to have faith in the power of Amida Buddha's prayer; to rest assured of future bliss through that faith; and that of moral truth is to lead an upright and moral life here, to the welfare and happiness of mankind, always remembering the mercy of Amida Buddha, and keeping a compassionate heart.

This is the reason why, in Japan, our sect is in a flourishing condition, and has the tendency to introduce itself into foreign countries, while the believers of the other sects are diminishing in number.

Now, in this celebration, the only way we can manifest our gratitude to this great teacher, outside of keeping his memory forever, is to express thankfulness for the reception of the doctrine from the founder, whose teachings are so benevolent, and as welcome as light in a dark night. (And I shall now thank the kind friends who so readily respond to our invitation, to help us to help us in our commemoration.)

DOPE SMUGGLERS ARE PANICKY

Want to Ride Reporter on a Rail for Writing Facts.

When Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth saw an item in an evening paper on Saturday, calling the Advertiser's story of wholesale opium smuggling a "fake," he was greatly amused.

"If the people who cry 'fake' were only to open their eyes," said he, "they would see many things which would surprise them."

"This city is full of opium, full of Hong Kong opium. I know where it is coming from and how it gets into the country. If I told some of the things I know it would be seen that some people who are not in the least suspected by their intimate friends are smuggling Hong Kong opium into the country. It is not for me to tell all I know, however; this much I will say, that what I have already stated in regard to the smuggling business, I am prepared to prove."

It might be of interest to say that the letter published in the Advertiser on Saturday and signed by "Naturalized Citizens of Hawaiian-Chinese Parentage," stated the name of one party, high in office, who had smuggled a lot of the opium. The name was withheld in the printed article, however.

A number of men on the waterfront when they heard that someone had given a clue to the press concerning the smuggling combine, got together on Fort street and endeavored to work each other up to a point of sufficient courage to do bodily harm to the reporter who handled the story. They decided to find out the reporter's name and then to treat him to a dose of tar and feathers or some similar medicine. They have since been advised to be quiet.

Coincidentally an innocent man, who had heard nothing of the smuggling, until he had read of it in the Advertiser, was accused by certain interested parties on the waterfront of giving the news to the reporter. The man in question was naturally indignant, but did not take the trouble to prove himself innocent of the charge.

A small panic was under way among a certain clique on Saturday.

FINED AN AMERICAN.

Former Subject of Czar Punished for Not Serving Army Time.

CHICAGO, May 11.—A special to the Tribune from St. Paul, Minn., says: I. D. Horne, a naturalized American citizen and member of a wholesale firm in this city, has been fined by the Russian Government, of which country he is a native to pay a fine of 600 roubles, amounting to \$350. Mr. Horne received notice several months ago from Russia that the fine had been imposed because he did not serve his time in the Russian army. Through the American Minister at St. Petersburg he arbitrated the matter, claiming exemption because of now being an American citizen. He desired to go to Russia in person, but the American official informed him that it would be exceedingly difficult to secure his release from the arrest which would surely ensue as soon as he entered the Czar's domain. The Russian Government attached the home of Mr. Horne's parents at Nisn, Northern Russia, to secure payment of the fine.

Mr. Horne's parents are aged, and their only property is their home. To prevent them from being turned out, Horne paid his fine.

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FIRE IN A PLANTATION

Manager Lindsay Loses Valuable Property.

MAUI, May 11.—During the morning of the 10th a fire on the premises of Manager D. C. Lindsay, of Paia, caused a great sensation on two Makawao plantations, the employees of both Paia and Hamakua being summoned to extinguish the flames.

The fire destroyed the stable, harness room and carriage house, together with several valuable double and single harnesses, five or six saddles, and an old phaeton. The damage was slight in comparison with what it might have been had the flames, which, at one time caught the veranda roof of the residence, gained headway and consumed the handsome two-story mansion. The cause is ascribed to sparks from a neighboring chimney igniting the dry straw of the stable. This is the second fire for Paia plantation during the week. Several nights ago some acres of one of no especial value were destroyed.

During the evening of the 10th the Makawao Debating Society discussed the following subject in the parlors of the Paia Foreign Church: "Resolved, that the dispensary bill, as presented to the Hawaiian Senate, would be, if passed, a benefit to the residents of the Territory."

Messrs. D. T. Fleming and W. S. Nicoll led the affirmative, and Messrs. S. H. Dowdle and W. C. Crook the negative. The former side won by a small majority when the audience voted upon the merits of the arguments presented. About twenty ladies and gentlemen were present. The subject chosen for the next debate is, "Resolved, that the Constitution follows the Flag."

The comet has been much gazed upon and talked about on Maui since Sunday night, the 12th, when it was first seen in the southwestern sky over the West Maui mountains, back of Waikapu. It has but a single luminous tail, and seems to be losing its brilliancy.

During the 8th Henry Chamberlain died of dropsy at the Paia Hospital. He was well known in Makawao and Honolulu, and was between seventy and eighty years of age. He was a carpenter by trade.

The polo grounds near Sunnyside, Paia, have been moved close by a machine imported especially for the purpose by the honorary president of the club, Mr. H. P. Baldwin. The boys are now practicing several times a week; all this for the purpose of beating the Oahu Club in July or August. Those playing at present on the (would-be) champion team are Messrs. Frank Baldwin, S. E. Kalama, D. T. Fleming and Harry Copp.

Sub-Land Agent W. O. Aiken and D. T. Fleming are making a visit to Naha this week.

Kula potatoes are selling at \$2.50 per sack. A new crop is expected in two weeks.

Several days ago a Porto Rican laborer at Paia, upon receiving a sunstroke, went crazy, and it took the combined efforts of five or six strong men to convey him to the plantation hospital.

On the morning of the 16th the steamer Hawaiian caused a great sensation as she steamed majestically into Kahului bay. She appeared so huge that people generally thought she was a monitor or warship of some description. She was eleven days from San Francisco, and brought machinery and building material for the new Spreckelsville mill. After unloading this she will steam to Honolulu and unload construction material for the Young building.

During the afternoon of the 9th the Ladies Thursday Club met at the residence of Mrs. W. F. McConkey, of Paia. "Queen Victoria" was the theme of the meeting.

Asconion Dux was generally observed by the Portuguese residents. Father James Beisel held services in Kula. Mrs. Simpson is at the residence of her brother, Mr. R. F. Engle, of Paia. Dr. E. G. Beckwith is contemplating a change of residence to Hamakua.

Weather: Trade winds blowing, but dry and dusty.

WEDDING AT HILO.

Marriage of Miss Maggie Murphy to Mr. C. H. W. Hitchcock.

A very pretty family wedding took place in Hilo last Thursday at the old homestead of D. H. Hitchcock, at which Charles H. W. Hitchcock and Miss Margaret Murphy were united in marriage by the Rev. Father Maxiam. Only the immediate family and friends were present.

The ceremony took place in the family parlor, which was tastefully decorated with a border of ferns and palm leaves around the base, and drooping wreaths of asparagus vine and pink and white flowers festooned from the center of the room to the corners.

The bride was dressed in white and carried a trailing bouquet of asparagus and white carnations.

A simple collation was served in the dining hall, which had been turned into a veritable hall of beauty with flowers of all hues and varieties.

The bride and groom left for Wai-Hilo, Oahu, that same evening, amid showers of rice and bouquets.

The friends of a bride and groom played a trick on them the other day that furnished no end of amusement to the neighbors, although the victims probably failed to appreciate the humor of it. The groom had taken a house on Moore street and it was to this that they returned at the conclusion of their wedding trip. In the meantime the jovial friends had gained entrance to the house and had taken a sheet from one of the beds. On this they painted a large, sprawling letter "W" in white. Then, with the aid of a rope, they suspended it, across the front of the house, from window to window, to the infinite amusement of the neighbors and the delight of a crowd of small children. When the bride and groom drove up, late in the afternoon, they were given such a reception as brides and grooms never before had in this vicinity. What the groom said and what the bride thought can scarcely be printed in cold type.

FOUR ASSAULT ONE POLICEMAN

Soldiers Disgrace Their Uniforms by Doing a Cowardly Deed.

A brutal and cowardly scene was enacted on the corner of Fort and King streets on Saturday night, just after the people from the Orpheum had come out of the theater and were on their way home.

Several soldiers who had been raising a row in one of the saloons and who had been ejected from the place, were being watched by Policeman Akau. They had threatened to create further trouble, and the officer was keeping an eye on them. On the corner of Fort and King streets the uniformed men collected and made themselves objectionable by the use of foul language. Their language was directed, partially, to some young ladies, who were also on the corner with their escorts.

Akau approached to remonstrate, whereupon the men directed their shameful epithets to the officer.

Realizing that the men were intent upon getting themselves into trouble, the officer made a move to place one of them under arrest.

Immediately the four soldiers jumped on the officer. They beat him unmercifully, and took his club from him and flung it away.

They threw him to the pavement, kicked him while he was held down, beat him over the head and face, and cursed him, using all the foul language at their command.

A citizen immediately telephoned to the police station, and a mounted patrolman appeared on the scene in short order but not until Policeman Akau had received severe treatment. The citizen, meanwhile, had recovered the officer's club for him, and had attempted to call off the cowardly brutes who were beating him; four men to one.

Upon the arrival of the mounted patrolman the cowards ran. After the citizen had restored the officer his club, the soldiers cried: "Look out, he's got his club; look out you don't get hit."

Two of the soldiers tried to sneak away on a car, but were pulled off the vehicle by Akau after the mounted man arrived. Another soldier on the car shouted, "Take your hands off those men or I'll shoot you," at the same time making a movement for his gun. A citizen in the car, however, putting his fist before the armed man's face, cried, "Attempt to pull your gun and I'll knock you over."

Akau is one of the most popular men on the force, and is noted for his mildness of manner. He has never been guilty of any undue force in the making of arrests.

It was the opinion of people gathered on the corner of Fort and King streets, where the assault took place, that if Camp McKinley is anxious for the good opinion of the people of Honolulu it should make examples of the four.

Shortly after the assault four soldiers were arrested and put in jail. They admitted that they had been in a "scrap." Their names are H. H. Bennett, Val W. Straub, W. Griffiths and N. Scanlon.

THE RAILROAD TRUST.

Private Barter Which May End in General Ruin.

LONDON, May 11.—The Economist, which comments upon "the dangerous influence that has come to be exercised by the powerful financial groups which in recent years have obtained control of railways," says:

"Fortunately the commitments in 'Yankee' here are small and the only matter for regret is the effect which the collapse has had on the general market."

The Daily Chronicle, which thinks Mr. Morgan's purchase of the Leyland line a much more serious matter than the Wall street panic, says:

"It becomes a serious and urgent question whether the nation will not have to adopt some means to check the process of private barter which may end in general ruin."

Hilo Shipping.

The bark Annie Johnson arrived from San Francisco Tuesday afternoon, says the Herald of the 16th, eighteen days in transit. She had one passenger, Mrs. Carter, and a good cargo of freight.

The ship Falls of Clyde sailed Friday morning for San Francisco. The following passengers are booked: H. L. Kelly and wife, John Akau, L. Achilles and wife, S. G. Walker, wife and two children, Capt. Dauphney, says, Noyes, Miss Hilton, and a niece of Mr. Junkin. She also carries the following sugar: From the Hakalau mill, 15,000 bags; Pepeekeo, 9,000; Waimaku, 12,400; Waiakoa, 14,000; a total of 50,400 bags. There are also 300 bags of coffee in the cargo.

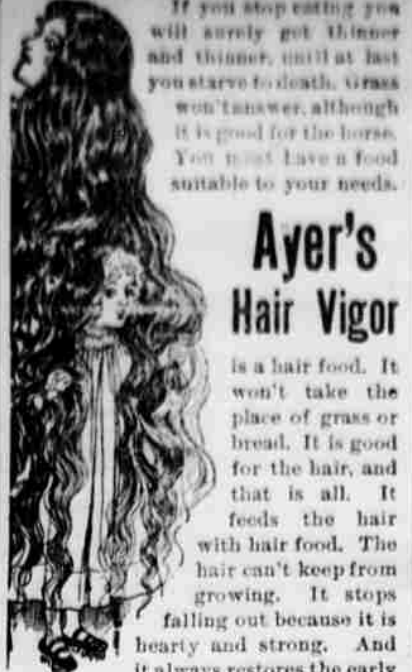
The new schooner Alvena arrived in Hilo last Saturday from the Sound. She is on her maiden voyage, and brought a cargo of 320,000 feet of lumber, the largest cargo of that description ever landed at this port. The lumber was consigned to the Hilo Mercantile Company. After discharging the vessel will proceed to Mahukona and load sugar for the Coast. The same company now has three vessels on the way from the Sound with cargoes of lumber. They are the schooners Otille Ford, Serena Thayer and the bark Vidette.

Conspiracy in Uruguay.

NEW YORK, May 11.—A dispatch to the Herald from Monte Video says:

A sensation has been caused here by the arrest of Colonel Miguel Herrera y Obes, brother of a former President of Uruguay. Colonel Manuel Rodriguez and Colonel Ciriano Burgis have also been arrested. There are accusations against other prominent men in connection with the conspiracy against the Government. Juan Johnson, who has been taken into custody, has declared that the conspiracy has many followers in the army. He also confesses that the arms found by the police were taken from the arsenal. The political situation is very complicated. Uncertainty prevails throughout the country.

Two thousand men and boys engaged in a riot in Chicago last week, clubs, bricks and stones being used. The riot resulted from the efforts of the police to keep the crowd from listening to a single laborer on a street wagon.



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LIMA, May 11.—A cablegram has been received from Quito saying that Ecuador, desirous of maintaining cordial relations with Peru, has suspended the obnoxious decree which created the Department of Nap Zamora.

Small Pox on Board.

MONTREAL, May 11.—The steamship Lake Superior, from Liverpool for Montreal, is quarantined at Grosse Ile for twenty-one days with smallpox on board. She has 700 passengers.

QUEEN'S BOUNTY FOR TRIPLETS.

"I had once," writes a correspondent, "the curiosity to write to Windsor castle and ask for the origin of the Queen's charitable practice of giving a 'bounty' to women who had given birth to triplets. I had a very courteous reply from the Queen's private secretary explaining that the first gift to a woman who had three children at a birth was prompted solely by Her Majesty's sympathetic feeling toward her. The case had happened to come to the knowledge of the Queen, and she sent a sovereign for each of the newly arrived little Britons, as an assistance to the mother in her exuberant of family treasures. This had happened about forty years before the correspondence and quite early in the reign, and had cost the Queen's private purse about \$1,000 a year ever since. Of course, it is not in all cases of the kind that this 'bounty' is sent to the mother. It is only to those who are poor and who are poor, and somehow these little surprises seem generally to be granted to people who cannot afford them. The Queen's bounty for triplets had come to be regarded almost as a matter of course."

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